

LIST OF ATTORNEYS IN KOSOVO

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You may receive additional information about the individuals by contacting the local bar association or the local licensing authorities.

RETAINING A FOREIGN ATTORNEY

In retaining the services of a foreign attorney concerning a private dispute abroad, the following guidelines may assist you in protecting your interests.

1. Selecting an Attorney

When you receive a list of attorneys, it is recommended that you contact several attorneys, briefly describing the nature of the services you desire. Before you decide which attorney to engage, request a written schedule of fees generally charged for the services you need, inquire whether the attorney is fluent in the English language, and become acquainted with a particular attorney. Do not submit any documents or funds until you are certain that the attorney understands your problem and is willing to handle your case.

2. How to Deal with Your Foreign Attorney

Always research the attorney's qualifications and experience. Find out how the attorney plans to represent you. Ask specific questions and expect the attorney to explain the legal activities in a language that you can understand. Ask what fees the attorney, notary, charges and how the attorney expects to be paid. Some attorneys may expect to be paid in advance; some may demand payment after each action they take on your behalf, refusing to take further action until they are paid.

You may wish to ask the attorney to send you monthly reports, even though no real developments have occurred, simply to satisfy your doubts about the progress of the case. Have your attorney analyze your case, giving you the positive and negative aspects and probable outcome. Do not expect your attorney to give a simple answer to a complex legal problem. Be sure that you understand the technical language in any contract or other legal document prepared by your attorney before you sign it. Keep your attorney fully informed of any new developments in the case. If you need to provide complex or technical documents to your attorney, you may wish to consider having the documents translated into the native language. An elementary knowledge of English may not be enough to enable the attorney to understand the documents you provide. Tell the attorney every relevant fact in order to get the best representation of your interests. Find out how much time the attorney anticipates the case make take to complete. Request copies of all letters and documents prepared on your behalf.

3. Complaints against Foreign Attorneys

If the services of your attorney prove unsatisfactory, you may address your complaints to the local (foreign) bar association. We would appreciate receiving copies of any such complaints.

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Albert ISLAMI, 58/A Bulevardi i Deshmoreve, Pristina, tel: (038) 548-342, 559-046, fax: (038) 542-350; e-mail: info@avokatia.com, web site: <http://www.avokatia.com>. Born in 1952. Graduated on foreign languages in Warsaw. Studied and passed the exam for attorneys and judges in Pristina. Usually does not handle penal cases. Accepts adoptions, taxes, contracts, foreign claims and investments, child custody, estates, corporations, insurance, car accidents, investment in raw materials, patents/trademarks/copyrights, civil damages, marriage/divorce, labor relations and immigrations. Takes cases outside the city of Pristina. Languages: Albanian, French, English (fluent), Italian, German and Polish.

Avni GJAKOVA, 17/III Luan Haradinaj St, Pristina, tel: (038) 222-333, fax: (038) 244-428; mobile: 044-137-428, 044-128-128, 049-128-128, e-mail: arimgjakova@yahoo.com. Born in 1942. Graduated on International Private law (Conflict of laws) from 1971-1981, bar exam in 1971. Will handle penal cases. Accepts criminal, adoption, child custody, civil damages, government relations, estates, marriage/divorce, aeronautical/maritime, collections, contracts, banking/financial (some), foreign claims, insurance, labor relations, car accidents, marketing agreement, mining/petroleum, patents/trademarks/copyrights and theft/fraud/embezzlement cases. Provides services of a translator (certified translations only in Albanian to Serbian and vice versa). Takes cases outside the city of Pristina. Languages: Albanian, French (good).

Fazli BALAJ, 41/7 UCK st, Trade Center "Tchafa", Pristina, office: (038) 230-365; mobile: (044) 115-026. Born in 1945, Suhareka. Graduated in 1967 at University of Pristina, bar exam in 1968. Will handle penal cases. Can provide services of a translator. Takes cases outside the city of Pristina. Languages: Albanian, French (good).

Haxhi MILLAKU, 58 Afrim Gashi St. (Dragodan/Arberia area), Pristina, mobile: 044-134-521, 049-134-521, email: haxhimillaku@live.com. Graduated in 1986 at Pristina University, bar exam in 1987. Will handle penal cases. Provides services of a translator. Takes cases outside the city of Pristina. Languages: Albanian, English (very good).

Ibrahimaga/Osmani/Tigani law firm, 1/16 Fehmi Agani St, Pristina, mobile 044-151-776, office 038-227-358; fax: 038-222-773, info@lawfirm-iot.com, web: <http://www.lawfirm-iot.com/> Ilirijana Serreqi: born in Pristina in 1970, graduated in 1992 at Pristina University, bar exam in 2004. Languages: Albanian, French (limited), English (fluent). E-mail: iliriana.serreqi@lawfirm-iot.com; Virtyt Ibrahimaga – born in Peje in 1972, graduated in Germany in 2000, bar exam in Pristina in 2006. Languages: Albanian, English (fluent), German (fluent). Email: virtyt.ibrahimaga@lawfirm-iot.com
The law firm does not handle penal cases. Accepts family law, marriage/divorce, insurance, commercial/business law, foreign investment, civil law, marketing agreements, patents/trademarks/copyrights, damages, collections, commercial law, contracts, auto accidents, corporations, foreign claims, estates, taxes and labor relations. The law firm does not provide services of a translator, court reporter/stenographer or notary. Takes cases outside the city of Pristina.

Ilaz Ramajli (Ramajli & Partners Co.), 3/4 Sylejman Vokshi St (near "Pishat" Restaurant), Pristina, tel: (038) 224-225, fax: (038) 224-225, mobile: 044-124-717; e-mail: iramajli@ramajlilawoffice.com, web site: <http://www.ramajlilawoffice.com>. Born in Kaçanik in 1951. Graduated in 1979 at Pristina University, bar exam in 1982. Does not handle criminal cases. Accepts government relations, taxes, contracts, foreign claims, foreign investment, estates, corporation, insurance, auto accidents, civil damages, banking/financial, patent/trademarks/copyrights, labor relations and marketing agreements. Takes cases outside the city of Pristina. Languages: Albanian, French (fluent), English (fair).

Kalo & Associates Kosova SHPK law firm, 41 Mother Theresa Blvd. Apt 27, Pristina, mobile: 044-501-369; office: (038)-225-674, fax: (038) 225-798 email: a.hasolli@kalo-attorneys.com, web site: <http://www.kalo-attorneys.com>. Born in Bardh i Madhe in 1965. Graduated at the University of Pristina in 1990, bar exam in 2003. Does not handle criminal cases. Accepts family law, parental child abduction, marriage/divorce, banking/financial, commercial/business law, foreign investment, civil law, patents/trademarks/copyrights, commercial law, contracts, corporations and labor relations. Awaiting license for certified translator. Takes cases outside the city of Pristina. Languages: Albanian, English (fluent), Serbian (Fluent) and German (fluent).

OSMANI law firm "Avokatura Osmani", 34/7 Mother Theresa St, Pristina, mobile: 044-115-607, office: (038)-246-047, email: avokaturaosmani@gmail.com. Lirije Osmani - born in Gjakova in 1944. Graduated at the University of Pristina in 1968, bar exam in 1970. Does not handle criminal cases. Accepts family law, adoptions, marriage/divorce, insurance, civil law, damages, commercial law, contracts, auto accidents, estates and labor relations. Does not provide services of a translator, court reporter/stenographer or notary. Takes cases outside the city of Pristina. Languages: Albanian, Serbian, French (limited).

Nusret Mjeku (Mjeku & Associates Law Office), 13 Garribaldi St (near Grand Hotel), Pristina, tel: (038) 229-328; (044) 182-431, 049-182-431. Born in 1949. Graduated in 1976, bar exam in 1989. Will handle penal cases. Accepts criminal, adoption, child custody, civil damages, estates, marriage/divorce, collections, contracts, foreign claims, labor relations, auto accidents, immigration, narcotics, marketing agreements and theft/fraud/embezzlement cases. Provides services of a certified translator. Takes cases outside the city of Pristina. Languages: Albanian, English (limited).

Tomë GASHI, 15 Luan Haradinaj St., Pristina, tel: (038) 228-172, fax: (038)-228-172; mobile: 044-118-292 email: tgashi@hotmail.com. Born in 1961. Graduated in 1985, bar exam in 1987. Will handle penal cases. Accepts criminal, adoption, child custody, civil damages, estates, marriage/divorce, collections, contracts, foreign claims, labor relations, auto accidents, immigration, narcotics, marketing agreements and theft/fraud/embezzlement cases. Provides services of a certified translator. Takes cases outside the city of Pristina. Languages: Albanian, English (fair).